

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD

Notice is hereby given to Members of the Arizona State Parks Board (Board) and the general public that there will be a General Parks Board meeting, to begin on **WEDNESDAY, May 19, 2010 at 9:00 AM** pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 and A.R.S. § 41-511.01 *et. seq.* at the Arizona State Parks Offices located at 1300 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ. **The public portion of the meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. (time certain).**

The Board may elect to hold an Executive Session for any agenda item at any time during the meeting to discuss or consult with its legal counsel for legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (3). Items on the Agenda may be discussed out of order, unless they have been specifically noted to be set for a time certain. Public comment will be taken. The Board will discuss and may take action on the following matters.

AGENDA

(Agenda items may be taken in any order unless set for a time certain)

- A. CALL TO ORDER FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION - ROLL CALL - Time Certain: 9:00 A.M.**
- B. EXECUTIVE SESSION -** Upon a public majority vote, the Board may hold an Executive Session that is not open to the public for the following purposes:
 - 1. To discuss or consult with its legal counsel of legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)&(4)**
 - a. Legal advice regarding settlement discussions in the Little Colorado River Adjudications and their potential impact on Arizona State Parks.**
- C. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL – Time Certain: 10:00 A.M.**
- D. INTRODUCTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND AGENCY STAFF**
 - 1. Board Statement -** “As Board members we are gathered today to be the stewards and voice of Arizona State Parks and its Mission Statement to manage and conserve Arizona’s natural, cultural, and recreational resources for the benefit of the people, both in our parks and through our partners.”
- E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC –** Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Board must register at the door and be recognized by the Chair. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study or reschedule the matter for further consideration at a later time.
- F. CONSENT AGENDA –** The following items of a non-controversial nature have been grouped together for a single vote without Board discussion. The Consent Agenda is a timesaving device and Board members received documentation regarding these items prior to the open meeting. Any Board member may remove any item from the Consent Agenda for discussion and a separate vote at this

meeting, as deemed necessary. The public may view the documentation relating to the Consent Agenda at the Board's office: 1300 W. Washington, Suite 104, Phoenix, Arizona.

1. **Approve Minutes of April 21, 2010 Arizona State Parks Board Meeting**
2. **Approve Executive Session Minutes of April 21, 2010 Parks Board Meeting**
3. **Approve Minutes of April 29, 2010 Arizona State Parks Board Meeting**
4. **Approve Executive Session Minutes of April 29, 2010 Parks Board Meeting**
5. **Consider Re-awarding the RTP Motorized Portion Grant for Saffel Canyon Trail Renovations to the Economic Development for Apache County Corporation** – Staff recommends canceling the award of \$276,300 from the RTP Motorized Portion grant fund made to the Town of Eagar on November 13, 2009 for the Saffel Canyon Trail Renovation project, and awarding RTP Motorized Portion grant funds in the amount of \$276,300 to the Economic Development for Apache County Corporation for the Saffel Canyon Trail Renovation project.

G. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

H. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Legislative Update**
2. **Update on revenue forecast, cash balance, operating budget, cash flow by fund and park visitation**
3. **Update on State Park Construction Projects**

I. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

8. **Alamo Lake** – Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board endorse the major components of the agreement with La Paz County for the continued operation of Alamo Lake State Park.
10. **Lost Dutchman** – Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board endorse the major components of the agreement with the Friends of Lost Dutchman State Park for the continued operation of Lost Dutchman State Park.
12. **Picacho Peak** – Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board endorse the major components of the agreement with the City of Eloy for the continued operation of Picacho Peak State Park.
14. **Red Rock** – Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board endorse the major components of the agreement with Yavapai County for the continued operation of Red Rock State Park.
16. **Roper Lake** – Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board endorse the major components of the agreement with Graham County for the continued operation of Roper Lake State Park.
18. **Consider Alterations of Planned Park Closures** – Staff recommends the Arizona State Parks Board consider revising park closure dates in anticipation of implementing operating agreements.

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7. **Concession Contract at Dead Horse Ranch State Park** – Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board authorize the Executive Director or designee to enter into negotiations and a contract for concession services at Dead Horse Ranch State Park.

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8. **Consider Approving Proposed Adjustments to Kartchner Caverns State Park User Fees** – Staff recommends the Arizona State Parks Board authorize staff to seek public comments pertaining to the proposed Kartchner Caverns State Park fee revision, as presented, and return to the Parks Board for action in the Fall of 2010.

J. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING AND CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Staff recommends that the next Arizona State Parks Board Meeting be on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 15-16, 2010.
2. Board members may wish to discuss issues of interest to Arizona State Parks and request staff to place specific items on future Board meeting agendas.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Arizona State Parks does not discriminate on the basis of a disability regarding admission to public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the acting ADA Coordinator, Nicole Armstrong-Best, (602) 542-7152; or TTY (602) 542-4174. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

Renée E. Bahl 10 May 2010
Renée E. Bahl, Executive Director

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**CONSIDER RE-AWARDING THE RTP MOTORIZED PORTION
GRANT FOR SAFFEL CANYON TRAIL RENOVATIONS TO THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR APACHE COUNTY CORPORATION**

Background

On November 13, 2009 the State Parks Board awarded \$276,300 from the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Motorized Portion grant program to the Town of Eagar for renovation and improvements on the Saffel Canyon OHV Trail. The project met the requirements of the program and was recommended for funding by the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group at its August 7, 2009 meeting.

Current Status

The Town of Eagar wants to withdraw as sponsor for this grant project. They have provided the attached letter recommending that the Economic Development for Apache County Corporation (EDAC) be allowed to receive the grant funding and proceed with the project.

EDAC concurs and has met the eligibility requirements for a non-profit corporation as identified in the 2009 RTP Motorized Portion Grant Application Manual. The scope of the project has not changed.

A participant agreement was never signed with the Town of Eagar as this change was anticipated shortly after the grant award was awarded. Therefore, this is not a transfer of participant.

The Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group is aware of the change in sponsor for this project, but has not taken specific action to recommend the change.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends canceling the award of \$276,300 from the RTP Motorized Portion grant fund made to the Town of Eagar on November 13, 2009 for the Saffel Canyon Trail Renovation project, and awarding RTP Motorized Portion grant funds in the amount of \$276,300 to the Economic Development for Apache County Corporation for the Saffel Canyon Trail Renovation project.

Recommended Board Action

I move the Arizona State Parks Board cancel the award of \$276,300 from the RTP Motorized Portion grant fund made to the Town of Eagar on November 13, 2009 for the Saffel Canyon Trail Renovation project, and award RTP Motorized Portion grant funds in the amount of \$276,300 to the Economic Development for Apache County Corporation for the Saffel Canyon Trail Renovation project, and authorize the Executive Director or Designee to execute a participant agreement.



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On November 13, 2009 the Arizona State Parks Board awarded the Town of Eagar an RTP Motorized grant in the amount of \$276,300 for renovation of the Saffel Canyon Trail, an OHV recreation trail located on the Springerville Ranger District near the town. The town applied on behalf of the Apache County OHV Rough Riders, an OHV club that sponsors the "Outlaw ATV Jamboree." This event brings together more than 300 OHV enthusiasts and their families from around the USA and several foreign countries. The event has brought substantial contributions to our rural economy in the six years it has occurred. The club works with the Apache-Sitgreaves NF to preserve and protect the privilege to ride on the forest and works with local OHV users to promote safe, responsible riding.

The town recently completed administration of an RTP Motorized grant in the amount of \$228,846 for other OHV trail development and maps on the forest. The Rough Riders' club, in partnership with the forest, actually coordinates the work and the town advances funds and gets reimbursement from the grant.

The town is no longer in a position to advance the sums of money necessary to keep the project moving at a steady pace. The club's resources are also insufficient.

Economic Development for Apache County Corporation (EDAC) is a non-profit corporation formed by Apache County and the towns in the southern part of the county to administer, primarily, federal housing aid and conduct other business beneficial to the economies of the county. The county and cities contribute to the operating costs of EDAC. Hank Rogers is president of the Apache County OHV Rough Riders and has recently been appointed as Housing Director for EDAC. He is a lifetime resident of the area and is highly respected in the community. He has also been Chair of the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG) for the last two years and is in his fifth year with the group.

EDAC has the resources to effectively administer this grant for the good of this community. I respectfully request that you award the RTP Motorized grant in the amount of \$276,300 for renovation and improvements on the Saffel Canyon OHV Trail to EDAC to administer.

Respectfully,

Bill Greenwood
Town Manager
Town of Eagar

TOWN OF EAGAR

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File Code: 2300/2350-5

Date: February 18, 2010

Robert Baldwin
Recreational Trails Program Coordinator
Arizona State Parks
1300 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

This letter is in regard to the Saffel Canyon OHV Trail located on the Springerville Ranger District. If the FY2009 Recreational Trails Program (Motorized Portion) grant, for improvements on Saffel Canyon OHV Trail, funds are awarded, the Forest Service authorizes some maintenance work to be completed by the Economic Development Apache County and the Apache County ATV Roughriders. Additional heavy maintenance work will be completed by Forest Service contractors. All improvements (cattleguards, signs, etc.) purchased and/or installed with grant dollars are property of the United States government.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Barbara Romero

for

JEFFREY A. RIVERA
Springerville District Ranger

cc:

Barbara Romero, Springerville RD
Hank Rogers, EDAC



**CONSIDER ENDORSING AN AGREEMENT WITH LA PAZ COUNTY
FOR THE OPERATION OF ALAMO LAKE STATE PARK**

Background

Alamo Lake State Park (Park) is owned and operated by the Arizona State Parks Board (Board). The Park is scheduled to close to the public on June 3, 2010 at 5:00 PM MST.

La Paz County (County) approached the Board with a proposal to help operate the park in response to FY 2010 budget reductions. The County's offer is to enter into an agreement to contribute funding to support the operation and maintenance of the Park.

Current Status

The Board and County recognize the importance of keeping the Park open to the public, and further recognize that the current budget constraints affecting the State make it difficult for the Board to commit adequate funds to operate the Park. Through this agreement, the County will provide funding to help keep the Park open.

The La Paz County Board of Supervisors took action on April 19, 2010 to "enter into negotiations for an Intergovernmental Agreement with Arizona State Parks (ASP) for the purpose of keeping open Alamo Lake State Park."

Through a Board action on September 11, 2009, the Executive Director is authorized to enter into, amend, and withdraw from operating agreements in order to offset, reduce cost or enhance revenues. On March 17, 2010, the Executive Director was authorized to enter into agreements for the sole purpose of keeping parks open.

Major Components of the Agreement

- Initial term of the agreement is for one-year with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods.
- Park will be operated by ASP staff.
- The County will provide the Board with \$30,000 to subsidize the operation and maintenance of the Park.
- The Board will retain all fees.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board endorse the major components of the agreement with La Paz County for the continued operation of Alamo Lake State Park.

Recommended Board Action

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board endorse the major components of the agreement with La Paz County for the continued operation of Alamo Lake State Park.

**CONSIDER ENDORSING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
FRIENDS OF LOST DUTCHMAN STATE PARK FOR
THE OPERATION OF LOST DUTCHMAN STATE PARK**

Background

Lost Dutchman State Park (Park) is owned and operated by the Arizona State Parks Board (Board). The Park is scheduled to close to the public on June 3, 2010 at 5:00 PM MST.

The Friends of Lost Dutchman State Park (Friends) approached the Board with a proposal to help operate the Park in response to FY 2010 budget reductions. The Friends' offer is to enter into an agreement to contribute funding to support the operation and maintenance of the Park.

Current Status

The Board and the Friends recognize the importance of keeping the Park open to the public, and further recognize that the current budget constraints affecting Arizona State Parks (ASP) make it difficult for the Board to commit adequate funds to operate the Park. Through this agreement, the Friends of Lost Dutchman will provide funding to help keep the Park open.

The Friends of Lost Dutchman State Park are raising funds to keep the park trailhead and trails open while the campground is under construction. During construction the campground will be closed and park services will be reduced. The campground and related facilities will temporarily close to the public beginning July 6, 2010. Arizona State Parks expects to re-open campsites not affected by construction on October 1, 2010 to accommodate fall campers.

Through a Board action on September 11, 2009, the Executive Director is authorized to enter into, amend, and withdraw from operating agreements in order to offset, reduce cost or enhance revenues. On March 17, 2010, the Executive Director was authorized to enter into agreements for the sole purpose of keeping parks open.

Major Components of the Agreement

- The term of the agreement is for one year.
- Park will be operated by ASP staff.
- The Friends will provide the Board with \$24,000 to subsidize the operation and maintenance of the Park.
- The Park trailhead and day-use area will remain open during the construction in the campground.
- The Friends will work to provide volunteers to help staff the Park.

- The Board will provide training for Park volunteers.
- The Board will retain all fees.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board endorse the major components of the agreement with the Friends of Lost Dutchman State Park for the continued operation of Lost Dutchman State Park.

Recommended Board Action

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board endorse the major components of the agreement with the Friends of Lost Dutchman State Park for the continued operation of Lost Dutchman State Park.

**CONSIDER ENDORSING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF
ELOY FOR THE OPERATION OF PICACHO PEAK STATE PARK**

Background

Picacho Peak State Park (Park) is owned and operated by the Arizona State Parks Board (Board). The Park is scheduled to close to the public on June 3, 2010 at 5:00 PM MST.

The City of Eloy (City) approached the Board with a proposal to help operate the Park in response to FY 2010 budget reductions. The City's offer is to enter into an agreement to contribute funding to support the operation and maintenance of the Park.

Current Status

The Board and the City recognize the importance of keeping the Park open to the public, and further recognize that the current budget constraints affecting the State make it difficult for the Board to commit adequate funds to operate the Park. Through this agreement, the City will provide funding to help keep the Park open. Arizona State Parks (ASP) will reduce park services to lower operational costs.

The Eloy City Council met on April 26, 2010 to consider an agreement with Arizona State Parks to provide funding for the operation of Picacho Peak State Park. The Council instructed their City Manager to work with ASP on an agreement. On May 10, 2010 the Eloy City Council will consider a Resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between Arizona State Parks and the City of Eloy. Staff will report the results of the City's action at the May 19, 2010 Parks Board meeting.

Through a Board action on September 11, 2009, the Executive Director is authorized to enter into, amend, and withdraw from operating agreements in order to offset, reduce cost or enhance revenues. On March 17, 2010, the Executive Director was authorized to enter into agreements for the sole purpose of keeping parks open.

Major Components of the Agreement

- Initial term of the agreement is for one year with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods.
- Park will be operated by ASP staff.
- The City will provide the Board \$20,000 to subsidize the operation and maintenance of the Park.
- The Board will retain all fees.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board endorse the major components of the agreement with the City of Eloy for the continued operation of Picacho Peak State Park.

Recommended Board Action

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board endorse the major components of the agreement with the City of Eloy for the continued operation of Picacho Peak State Park.

**CONSIDER ENDORSING AN AGREEMENT WITH YAVAPAI
COUNTY FOR THE OPERATION OF RED ROCK STATE PARK**

Background

Red Rock State Park (Park) is owned and operated by the Arizona State Parks Board (Board). The Park is scheduled to close to the public on June 3, 2010 at 5:00 PM MST.

Yavapai County (County) approached the Board with a proposal to help operate the park in response to FY 2010 budget reductions. The County's offer is to enter into an agreement to contribute funding to support the operation and maintenance of the Park.

Current Status

The Board and County recognize the importance of keeping the Park open to the public, and further recognize that the current budget constraints affecting Arizona State Parks (ASP) make it difficult for the Board to commit adequate funds to operate the Park. Through this agreement, the County will provide funding to help keep the Park open. A separate agreement is being negotiated with the City of Sedona for the potential operation of the Gift Shop. This will be considered by the Board at a future meeting.

The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors will consider this agreement at its May 17, 2010 meeting. ASP staff will report the results of the County's action at the May 19, 2010 Parks Board meeting. Although the agreement will be for one year, the County can only commit \$50,000 at this time. This initial funding will keep the Park open until October 31, 2010. The County will continue to work to secure the additional \$110,000 needed to fulfill the terms of the agreement of \$160,000. Should the County fail to secure these additional funds, the Board would need to consider an action to close the Park.

Through a Board action on September 11, 2009, the Executive Director is authorized to enter into, amend, and withdraw from operating agreements in order to offset, reduce cost or enhance revenues. On March 17, 2010, the Executive Director was authorized to enter into agreements for the sole purpose of keeping parks open.

Major Components of the Agreement

- Initial term of the agreement is for one-year with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods.
- An initial funding of \$50,000 will keep the park open until October 31, 2010. Additional funding of \$110,000 (for a total of \$160,000) will be required to extend the operation for the full term of the agreement.

- The County shall give the Board 30 days notice to terminate the agreement.
- Park will be operated by ASP staff and open 7-days per week.
- The County will work to provide volunteers to help staff the Park.
- The Board will provide training for Park volunteers.
- The Board will retain all fees.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board endorse the major components of the agreement with Yavapai County for the continued operation of Red Rock State Park.

Recommended Board Action

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board endorse the major components of the agreement with Yavapai County for the continued operation of Red Rock State Park.

**CONSIDER ENDORSING AN AGREEMENT WITH GRAHAM
COUNTY FOR THE OPERATION OF ROPER LAKE STATE PARK**

Background

Roper Lake State Park (Park) is owned and operated by the Arizona State Parks Board (Board). The Park is scheduled to close to the public on June 3, 2010 at 5:00 PM MST.

Graham County (County) approached the Board with a proposal to help operate the Park in response to FY 2010 budget reductions. The County's offer is to enter into an agreement to contribute in-kind support for the operation and maintenance of the Park.

Current Status

The Board and County recognize the importance of keeping the Park open to the public, and further recognize that the current budget constraints affecting the State make it difficult for the Board to commit adequate funds to operate the Park. Through this agreement, the County will provide in-kind support to help keep the Park open. Arizona State Parks (ASP) will reduce park services to lower operations cost.

The Graham County Board of Supervisors will consider this agreement at its May 17, 2010 Board meeting. ASP staff will report the results of the County's action at the May 19, 2010 Parks Board meeting.

Through a Board action on September 11, 2009, the Executive Director is authorized to enter into, amend, and withdraw from operating agreements in order to offset, reduce cost or enhance revenues. On March 17, 2010, the Executive Director was authorized to enter into agreements for the sole purpose of keeping parks open.

Major Components of the Agreement

- Initial term of the agreement is for one year with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods.
- The Park will be operated by ASP staff.
- The County shall provide the Board with an in-kind support for the operation and maintenance of the Park, including vehicle servicing, fire extinguisher servicing, water sampling/testing, sewage pumping and inmate labor.
- The County will work to provide volunteers to help staff the Park.
- The Board will provide training for Park volunteers.

- The Board will retain all fees.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board endorse the major components of the agreement with Graham County for the continued operation of Roper Lake State Park.

Recommended Board Action

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board endorse the major components of the agreement with Graham County for the continued operation of Roper Lake State Park.

CONSIDER ALTERATIONS OF PLANNED PARK CLOSURES

Background

At the September 11, 2009 meeting, the Arizona State Parks Board authorized the Executive Director, or designee, to enter into, amend, and withdraw from operating agreements in order to offset or reduce cost, or enhance revenues. The Board provided additional authority at its March 17, 2010 meeting to delegate to the Executive Director the authority to enter agreements, for the sole purpose to keep parks open.

Current Status

Staff has continued to work with community partners throughout the state on various agreements to keep Arizona State Parks (ASP) open. These negotiations are ongoing and detailed and require the agency to coordinate with other governing bodies.

Parks Closed to Public

Park	Community Partner(s)	Scope of Agreement	Current Status
Homolovi Ruins State Historic Park	Hopi Tribe, City of Winslow, Navajo County	Continued discussions with Hopi and community partners.	Park Closed to Public
Jerome State Historic Park	Yavapai County, Jerome Historical Society	Preliminary discussions with County and Historical Society on park operations and funding.	Park Closed to Public
McFarland	Town of Florence	Preliminary discussions with the Town on an agreement to operate the park as Town offices and museum.	Park Closed to Public
Oracle State Park	Friends of Oracle State Park	No Agreement at this time.	Park Closed to Public
San Rafael State Natural Area	Conservation Easement	Preliminary discussions on a grazing agreement.	Natural Area Closed to Public

Parks Open to Public by Agreement

Park	Community Partner(s)	Scope of Agreement	Current Status
Boyce Thompson Arboretum	University of Arizona, BTA Inc.	Park is open and managed by agreement with our partners.	ASP has suspended financial support for FY 2010.
Fort Verde State Historic Park	Town of Camp Verde	Agreement to provide funding to operate the park using ASP staff.	Park open to public by agreement with the Town of Camp Verde.
Lyman Lake State Park	Apache County	Agreement to provide funding to operate the Park from May 24, 2010 through September 7, 2010 using ASP staff.	Park to open May 24 through September 7, 2010 by agreement with Apache County.
Riordan Mansion State Historic Park	Arizona Historical Society	Arizona Historical Society operates park. Some ASP staff retained.	Park open to public by agreement with the Arizona Historical Society.
Tombstone Courthouse State Historic Park	City of Tombstone	Agreement with City of Tombstone to operate the park. No ASP staff.	Park open to public by agreement with the City of Tombstone.
Tonto Natural Bridge State Park	Town of Payson	Agreement with Town of Payson to keep the park open until Sept. 27, 2010 with ASP staff.	Park open to public by agreement with Town of Payson until Sept. 27, 2010.
Tubac Presidio State Historic Park	Santa Cruz County	Agreement with Santa Cruz County to operate park. No ASP staff.	Park open to public by agreement with Santa Cruz County.
Yuma Prison State Historic Park	City of Yuma, Heritage Area	Agreement with the City of Yuma to operate Park. No ASP staff.	Park open to public by agreement with the City of Yuma.
Yuma Quartermaster Depot State Historic Park	City of Yuma, Heritage Area	Agreement with the City of Yuma to operate Park. No ASP staff.	Park open to public by agreement with the City of Yuma.

Parks Slated to Close June 3, 2010

Park	Community Partner(s)	Scope of Agreement	Current Status
Alamo Lake State Park	La Paz County, Town of Wickenburg, AZ Game & Fish	Agreement with La Paz County to provide funding to operate the park using ASP staff. Agreement to be considered at May 2010 Board meeting.	La Paz County approved entering into an agreement on April 19, 2010.
Lost Dutchman State Park	Friends of Lost Dutchman State Park, City of Apache Junction	Agreement with Friends to provide funding to operate the park using ASP staff. Agreement to be considered at May 2010 Board meeting.	Close campgrounds on July 6, 2010 for construction. Reopen campsites not affected by construction on October 1, 2010. Day-use areas and trailhead remain open.
Picacho Peak State Park	City of Eloy	Agreement with City of Eloy to provide funding to operate the park using ASP staff. Agreement to be considered at May 2010 Board meeting.	On May 10, 2010, the City of Eloy will consider a Resolution authorizing an agreement between Arizona State Parks and the City of Eloy.
Red Rock State Park	Yavapai County, City of Sedona, Benefactors of Red Rock	Agreement with Yavapai County to provide funding to operate the park using ASP staff. Agreement to be considered at May 2010 Board meeting.	Yavapai County Board of Supervisors will consider an agreement on May 17, 2010.
Roper Lake State Park	Graham Co., AZ Game & Fish	Agreement with Graham County to provide in-kind services to assist with the operations of the park using ASP staff. Agreement to be considered at May 2010 Board meeting.	Graham County will consider an agreement on May 17, 2010.

Parks that are to Remain Open

Park	Community Partner(s)	Scope of Agreement	Current Status
Buckskin State Park	BLM, Concessionaire	Park is owned and operated by ASP.	Park open to Public. Operated by ASP.
Catalina State Park	U.S. Forest Service	Park is operated by ASP under permit with USFS.	Park open to Public. Operated by ASP.
Cattail Cove State Park	BLM, Concessionaire	Park is owned and operated by ASP.	Park open to Public. Operated by ASP.
Dead Horse Ranch State Park/Verde River Greenway (VRG)	Yavapai County, City of Cottonwood	Park is owned and operated by ASP. VRG is passively managed by park staff.	Park open to Public. Operated by ASP.
Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area	U.S. Forest Service, AZ Game & Fish, City of Show Low	Recreation Area is managed by ASP, in cooperation with our partners. USFS owned.	Park open to Public. Operated by ASP.
Kartchner Caverns State Park	Concessionaire, Friends of Kartchner Caverns	Park is owned and operated by ASP.	Park open to Public. Operated by ASP.
Lake Havasu State Park	Lake Havasu City, Concessionaire, BLM	Parks is owned and operated by ASP. Various agreements with Lake Havasu City.	Park open to Public. Operated by ASP.
Patagonia Lake State Park/Sonoita Creek Natural Area (SCNA)	Concessionaire, Friends of Sonoita Creek	Park is owned and operated by ASP. SCNA is passively managed by park staff.	Park open to Public. Operated by ASP.
Slide Rock State Park	Concessionaire	Park is owned and operated by ASP.	Park open to Public. Operated by ASP.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board temporarily close the campground at Lost Dutchman State Park on July 6, 2010 and reopen campsites not affected by construction on or about October 1, 2010.

Recommended Board Action

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board temporarily close the campground at Lost Dutchman State Park on July 6, 2010 and reopen campsites not affected by construction on or about October 1, 2010.

**CONSIDER A CONCESSION CONTRACT
AT DEAD HORSE RANCH STATE PARK**

Background

Dead Horse Ranch State Park is located in Cottonwood, Arizona. This 423-acre park includes a six-mile stretch of the Verde River Greenway and hosts 175,000 park visitors annually who enjoy such recreational activities as camping, fishing, hiking and picnicking in the cottonwood-willow forest along the Verde River. Entrance and camping fees bring in \$650,000 annually. The park's economic impact on the local economy is over \$6 million annually.

Current Status

Currently there are no concession services available to the public at Dead Horse Ranch State Park except a horseback riding vendor currently operating in the park under a temporary Special Use Permit. It is anticipated that the addition of new concessions will increase visitation to the Park by enhancing the visitors' experience there.

Proposed Scope

Staff is targeting a Request for Proposal (RFP) issue date in late May 2010 for a concession operation. The RFP will require the concessionaire to design and provide a pre-engineered or modular commercial structure with a minimum useable space of 1400 square feet. All work shall require ASP prior approval. The construction period will not be included in the term of the contract.

Tentative services and terms may include:

- The construction of a concession building, which could offer typical grocery items; picnic, fishing, camping and first aid supplies; film and ice. Additionally, the concessionaire may offer general apparel merchandise. (Store site on attached park map). The concessionaire may also offer the following activities and rentals:
 - Guided trail rides (could include chuck wagon style dinner rides).
 - Boat rentals (non-motorized – canoes and kayaks)
 - Bicycle rentals
 - Small appliance rentals (fans and space heaters)
- Total contract term not to exceed ten years from beginning of concession operations.
- Contract to include revenue share provisions.

Staff will seek competition through the issuance of a RFP, receive proposals, evaluate responses and provide a consensus award recommendation to the Executive Director. The RFP process is expected to take 120 days from issuance to final contract.

Staff Recommendation

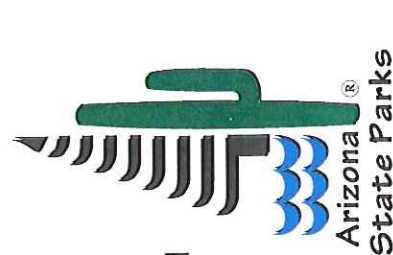
Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board authorize the Executive Director or designee to enter into negotiations and a contract for concession services at Dead Horse Ranch State Park.

Recommended Board Action

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board authorize the Executive Director or designee to enter into negotiations and a contract for concession services at Dead Horse State Park.

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AZStateParks.com

**CONSIDER APPROVING PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS
TO KARTCHNER CAVERNS STATE PARK USER FEES**

Background

Kartchner Caverns State Park is the highest revenue-producing park in the agency, generating \$2.9 million in FY 2009. Total park expenditures for the same period were \$2.3 million. Kartchner Cave Tour fees are reviewed separately from other agency fees in order to provide lead-time to program changes into the computerized reservation system. Since opening in 1999 the Board adjusted fees for the Rotunda/Throne Room tour only once, in 2003.

Rotunda/Throne Room, 2003 fee adjustment:

Ages 7-13:	\$9.95 from \$6.00	total price includes surcharge
Adult (ages 14 and up):	\$18.95 from \$14.00	total price includes surcharge
Reservation Surcharge:	\$3.00 from \$2.00	

Big Room, 2003 fees:

Ages 7-13:	\$12.95	total price includes surcharge
Adult:	\$22.95	total price includes surcharge
Reservation Surcharge:	\$3.00	

The Board implemented an additional fee adjustment in 2003, a "Seasonal Discount." During the off-season, this reduced the price of a Rotunda/Throne tour; \$1.00 off the 7-13 age and \$2.00 off the Adult.

Current Status

The Arizona State Parks Fee Team recently reviewed the existing fees for the Kartchner Caverns State Park cave tours and believes an adjustment is appropriate at this time. The Fee Team recommends that both Rotunda/Throne and Big Room tours should be the same price. Both tours are equally exceptional experiences. Tour reservationists often explain to potential ticket buyers that the existing price difference between the tours does not indicate that one tour is inferior to the other. The Fee Team feels that this change will reduce marketing problems and customer confusion by having the same price for each tour.

In addition to these fee changes staff will modify the cave operations over the coming months to address the seasonal nature of the park. Staff recommends that the Rotunda/Throne Room tour close from October 15 – December 15 every year. The Big Room is always closed from April 15 - October 15 to accommodate the bats. From December 15 – April 15 both cave tours would be open.

Staff recommends that the Rotunda/Throne Room tour tickets be adjusted to match the Big Room tickets and to seek public comments pertaining to the proposed fee revision.

Ages 7-13: \$12.95 from \$9.95 total price includes surcharge
Adult: \$22.95 from \$18.95 total price includes surcharge

Increasing Rotunda Throne Room ticket prices is expected to result in a \$150,000-\$200,000 increase in revenues. Ticket sales were estimated based on revenues generated per month, averaged over the last four fiscal years. A 25% decrease in tour ticket sales is expected, given reduced availability and increased tour prices. Further, closing the Rotunda Throne Room two months per year will also yield operational savings.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Arizona State Parks Board authorize staff to seek public comments pertaining to the proposed Kartchner Caverns State Park fee revision, as presented, and return to the Parks Board for action in the Fall of 2010.

Recommended Board Action

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board authorize staff to seek public comments pertaining to the proposed Kartchner Caverns State Park fee revision, as presented, and return to the Parks Board for action in the Fall of 2010.